

Newborn and Adopted Children: DEERS Registration and TRICARE® Prime Enrollment

Enrolling newborn and adopted children in TRICARE Prime

It is important to register newborn and adopted children in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to establish TRICARE eligibility for essential well-baby and pediatric health care.

HOW TO ESTABLISH TRICARE ELIGIBILITY FOR NEWBORN AND ADOPTED CHILDREN

To register a newborn or adopted child in DEERS, you must submit the following to a uniformed services identification (ID) card-issuing facility:

- An original or certified copy of a birth certificate or certificate of live birth (signed by the attending physician or other responsible person from a U.S. hospital or military treatment facility) or a Consular Report of Birth (FS-240) for children overseas.
- A record of adoption or a letter of placement of the child into the home by a recognized placement/adoption agency or the court before the final adoption.
- An Application for Identification Card/DEERS Enrollment (DD Form 1172-2) signed by the sponsor and verifying official from a uniformed services ID card-issuing facility. If a sponsor cannot sign the *DD Form 1172-2* in person at a uniformed services ID card-issuing facility, a notarized copy of the form is required.

Only sponsors (or sponsor-appointed individuals with valid powers of attorney) can add or delete a family member in DEERS.

To apply for your child's Social Security number (SSN), visit the Social Security Administration Web site, www.ssa.gov, or call **1-800-772-1213**. Once you receive your child's SSN, visit your nearest uniformed services ID card-issuing facility to update his or her information in DEERS.

WHEN DOES TRICARE COVER NEWBORN AND ADOPTED CHILDREN?

As long as another family member is enrolled in TRICARE Prime, the following are covered:

- Newborns for 60 days beginning from the date of birth
- Adopted children for 60 days beginning from the effective date of the adoption
- Children with pending adoptions for 60 days beginning on the date of placement of the court or approved adoption agency

Note: Overseas parents have 120 days to enroll a newborn child in TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) Prime or TOP Prime Remote.

To continue TRICARE Prime coverage past the first 60 days, you must enroll your newborn or adopted child in either TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members (TPRADFM) within the initial 60-day period.

To enroll in TRICARE Prime, you may submit a *TRICARE Prime Enrollment and PCM Change Form* (DD Form 2876) to your regional contractor or to your local TRICARE Service Center (TSC), or you may enroll online via the Beneficiary Web Enrollment Web site at www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/bwe/.

If your child is not enrolled in TRICARE Prime or TPRADFM by day 61, TRICARE will process all future claims under TRICARE Standard (*resulting in higher costs*) until you enroll your child in TRICARE Prime or TPRADFM. If your child is **not** registered in DEERS 365 days after birth or adoption, your child loses all TRICARE eligibility.

Overseas, you may enroll your child in TOP Prime or TOP Prime Remote by submitting *DD Form 2876* to your TOP Regional Call Center or TSC.

For more information on DEERS registration for your newborn or adopted child, contact or visit your military personnel office or uniformed services ID card-issuing facility, or call the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office at **1-800-538-9552**. A list of uniformed services ID card-issuing facilities is available at www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl. DEERS eligibility information is also available at www.tricare.mil/deers.

FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

TRICARE North Region Health Net Federal Services, LLC 1-877-TRICARE (1-877-874-2273) www.hnfs.com	TRICARE South Region Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc. 1-800-444-5445 www.humana-military.com	TRICARE West Region TriWest Healthcare Alliance 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378) www.triwest.com
TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) Regional Call Center—Eurasia-Africa¹ +44-20-8762-8384 (overseas) 1-877-678-1207 (stateside) tricarelon@internationalsos.com	TOP Regional Call Center— Latin America and Canada¹ +1-215-942-8393 (overseas) 1-877-451-8659 (stateside) tricarephl@internationalsos.com	TOP Regional Call Centers—Pacific¹ Singapore: +65-6339-2676 (overseas) 1-877-678-1208 (stateside) sin.tricare@internationalsos.com Sydney: +61-2-9273-2710 (overseas) 1-877-678-1209 (stateside) sydtricare@internationalsos.com
TRICARE Web Site www.tricare.mil	TRICARE Overseas Program Web Site www.tricare-overseas.com	Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS)—Update Information 1-800-538-9552 1-831-655-8317 (fax) www.tricare.mil/deers

^{1.} For a list of toll-free contact information, visit www.tricare-overseas.com.

An Important Note about TRICARE Program Information

At the time of printing, this information is current. It is important to remember that TRICARE policies and benefits are governed by public law and federal regulations. Changes to TRICARE programs are continually made as public law and/or federal regulations are amended. Military treatment facility guidelines and policies may be different than those outlined in this product. For the most recent information, contact your TRICARE regional contractor, TRICARE Service Center, or local military treatment facility.

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